

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A communication optical system comprising:

a light source;

a light-receiving element;

a first and a second prisms, which are cemented to each other; and

a beam-splitting member, which performs ~~one of transmission and~~ reflection towards an incident and emergent port, of a first light beam from the light source, and performs ~~one of reflection and~~ transmission towards the light-receiving element, of a second light beam from the incident and emergent port,

wherein the beam-splitting member is arranged at a cemented portion of the first and second prisms, and the light source and the light-receiving element are arranged on the same side with respect to the first and second prisms;

wherein the second prism comprises a first surface cemented to the first prism, a second surface which is parallel to the first surface and a third surface disposed on the opposite side of the first surface with respect to the light source; ~~and~~

wherein the third surface is arranged non-perpendicularly to an optical axis of the first light beam extending from the light source to the beam-splitting member, and is arranged so as to intersect with an extended line of the optical axis of the first light beam extending from the light source to the beam-splitting member; and

wherein the third surface is arranged such that the third surface forms an angle of 90° with respect to both the first surface and the second surface of the second prism.

8. (Previously Presented) A free-space optics communication apparatus comprising:
the communication optical system according to claim 7;
a driving circuit modulating the light source in accordance with communication information; and
an output circuit outputting a signal from the light-receiving element.